

By Louise Harding

Germany Already Re-armed by USA?

Herr Karl-Franz Schmidt-Wittmack, an important member of Adenauer's CDP, told a press conference in East Berlin (Aug. 26) that in June and July, 1954, a secret conference was held in Bad Godesberg and Bonn, between US General Gruenther and West German Generals Heusinger and Cruelwell. (Heusinger was a member of the operations department of Hitler's staff in the campaign against Russia. He is now one of the staff formerly serving under Von Schwerin of Hitler's general staff.)

Now Gruenther is back in the US for an extremely hush-hush talk with Eisenhower. At this stage, what is up of such importance that it cannot be revealed to the public? We may remember that Dr. John also knew of the plot between US and W. Germany (while France and Britain did not) to prepare 48 German divisions instead of the 12 already agreed upon.

We learn by the press that the arms for Germany are already in Europe. Where are they stored? The atomic cannon are known to be on the border of Alsace-Lorraine.

Dulles got the agreement of the nine ministers by threatening that US would pull out of Europe (with its financial aid of course). In that event, that tremendous horde of arms would have been turned over to the re-nazified W. Germany and to that great democrat, Franco, tyrant of Spain. That is what Dulles threatened by his 'agonizing re-appraisal.' The peoples of the various countries have no word to say about the new arrangement. In this connection we may remember how General Eisenhower, in 1951, forbid a plebiscite in West Germany on re-armament.

Lodge gets up in the UN and avers that the charge made by Vishinsky, that the US is piratically preying on commerce in China waters, is false. Lodge's denial is the height of impudence. US maintains Chiang on Taiwan and supports his fiction of a government. His arms and finances are entirely from US, which therefore is responsible for what he does.

Schmidt-Wittmack told the press conference that in July of this year, discussing atom strategy in a future war, Heusinger told the EDC Committee that he, Heusinger, "called the atom bomb the most effective weapon for destroying the supplies of the civilian population. He announced that 30 atom cannon are stationed in West Germany, capable of shooting shells each of which had the same effect as the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima."

In the book (mentioned in Oct. issue) put together by Henry Luce's underlings, Shepley and Blair, the plan is divulged of putting 1000 atomic bombs of 500 kilotons' force on Soviet targets. And now we read of atom cannons - very cheerful news!

New Statesman and Nation, Sept. 18, reports on the warning given at the meeting of the British Association of Science by its President, Dr. E. D. Adrian:

"His warning (re-inforced later by Sir John Cockcroft, director of Britain's Atomic Energy Research) that the accumulative effect of a series of bomb explosions would be to pollute the world with radio-activity was salutary. Implicit in his statement that the disaster to the human race in total war would happen whether or not the bombs hit their targets, was the warning that lethal saturation of radio-activity could just as well follow a prolonged series of massive experiments."

Dr. Adrian suggested a reinforcement of the social sciences. This is a long way from hitting the mark. Scientists are hired — and can be coerced or fired. See that article in USN&WR on how the reluctant scientists finally got in line behind the Bomb.

There is speculation in the reactionary press as to why Lewis "Straws" should try to buy up and suppress the Shepley-Blair book, since (they say) it showed him up in so favorable a light. No, it did not. It showed this Rockefeller agent as the main agent in pushing this monstrous weapon which may yet mean the extinction of life on the entire globe. Strauss may be popular among the atomaniacs of Wall Streets — who are determined to rule or ruin; but in Britain at least they have the grit to get out and march with banners against the Bomb.

McCarthy:

Republicans seek credit because a committee (equally divided between the old parties) denounced McCarthy on several counts. It is mentioned that he made illegal use of a secret document adapted from an FBI statement and handed to him by an employee of Military Intelligence. But it is not reported that he stated, as distinctly heard over the radio (this reporter took shorthand notes of it) that such information was coming to him every day and every evening and that no power on this earth could coerce him into stating who sent them. From this, since these persons needed protection in what they told, it is perfectly plain that they were handing out information which was "classified."

The reason stress is not laid on it and it is not reported in the press is that it demolishes the cases fabricated against Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White. People have been wont to say, Well, if the charges were not true, how did those documents ever get out of government files? The Earl Jowitt, in his powerful book, "The Strange Case of Alger Hiss" is more shrewd. He says (pp.247-8):

"Chambers says in Witness that White used periodically to turn over to him handwritten memoranda covering documents of information which had come to his notice. How odd that White, like Hiss, should have made the mistake of supplying incriminating documents written in his own handwriting. May it be that some thief passed on to Chambers documents he had stolen from White? I feel tolerably certain that if White, the 'timid' Communist, had been alive when the assertion was first made that he had handed over documents to Chambers, he would have been far from timid in his denial." (Italics added).

No Senator deserves credit for mildly denouncing McCarthy, the unsavory, while voting for the legislation by which it is sought to rob the small minority Communist Party of its legal rights.

McCarthy chicanery in the State of Maryland put Butler in his present seat. Nothing is said of that in the committee report. Butler is a most useful tool for US fascism and is joint author of the unconstitutional legislation against the Communists.

Radford:

This swashbuckler says (San Antonio, Oct. 5, UP) that the United States must build the best fighting machine in the world because it cannot depend on anything else for its ultimate 'security.'

A lie! The US 'defense' department is already telling citizens that it cannot defend them or protect them against the new weapons. A most competent British scientist shows us how atomic bombs and guns can kill all of us by poisoning the atmosphere. A wonderful 'security'! What we need is security against Radfords and the few such individuals who pull these militarists around on puppetstrings.

"Operation Bleed":

Under this head, one Fred Sparks writes in the August issue of Reader's Digest (George Seldes pointed out "the numerous articles he (the publisher of R.D.) had selected which favored fascism, one in particular defending Franco and another pointing out what was good in Nazi Germany) that the American military planners in the Far East intend to "bleed" China by a series of commando raids along the China coast, believing that

"it will be possible to make the Chinese coast a great bleeding sore."

Apart from the hideous moral implications of this kind of talk, there is decidedly something wrong with it from a political and military point of view, and that is: the Chinese are likely to get tired of it. It was only recently that your reporter heard by radio (heard it once, and it was not reported in the press) that the chief of the Russian delegation visiting Peking said in a public address that Russia will stand by China in taking back Taiwan. Obviously the item was suppressed because the warmongers do not want to let the American people know what they are in for, if war starts in that part of the world. In that event the Chinese people will not be the only ones to lose plenty of blood.

Racial Discrimination:

Since it has been openly said by officialdom that school segregation must be done away with in order to placate public opinion abroad, it is embarrassing to find such a determined stand being made against it. In Mississippi "citizens' councils" threaten to use force if necessary.

Says State Representative, Dave Womack of Humphreys County, "We have one of the councils, the strongest in the state. We have about 500 members and they mean business." Another legislator says Negroes can avoid bloodshed by not trying to enter schools. Senator Willis Matthews of the same state has said that Negroes could be kept 'humble' — and segregated — by denying them jobs. A 'few killings' would be a good idea, says another valiant legislator. Of course they have the police force on their side.

In Washington, D.C., where students, egged on by adults, picketed the Supreme Court, school superintendent Corning denounces the disorders as "disgraceful and dangerous," and announces the students will be ineligible to play on athletic teams or enjoy other school 'honors' unless they return to class within a few days.

The matter is of great importance, of course. If some poorly-clad Negro student gets up in Latin class, for instance, and shows he outranks the whites in wrestling with Caesar's Commentaries, that will be a blow at white supremacy. Unless the noble whites thereafter refuse to give his father a chance to support the family of the offending youth.

At Benecia, California, a subdivision had not been doing very well, and the agent, complaining that she had sold only three houses in the last two months, opened the project to Negro buyers. Sales went pretty well. Then came white vandalism scrawling obscenities on the walls and smashing windows. The white purchasers were offered their money back and "all 21" took it!

Weeding Farmers Out:

The following is from the Wall Street Journal, Oct. 5. A long-range farm policy designed to put fewer farmers on larger farms has been urged by Theodore V. Houser, chairman of Sears Roebuck. Houser said:

"There can be no doubt that there are many farm units not large enough to justify mechanization, but which can hang on under an artificially high price support policy." Such farm acreage, he added,

should be adjoined to other existing farms; operators of such farms would be better off in the long run joining the work force of industry. Long-range programs for agriculture should recognize "that there are probably even yet some millions too many farm workers," the Sears chairman stated. This movement does not oppose the "family farm" ideal, he said, but only recognizes that mechanization has increased the size of the ideal "family farm."

That is to say, the farmer who cannot afford more land can go into a factory. However, there are already too many factory workers, and some of them are jumping off Golden Gate bridge. The idea that small farmers might join together for common use of a tractor, as is commonly done in China today, would no doubt be rejected as "socialistic" by the spokesman for Sears, Roebuck & Co., long the open enemy of organized working folk.

The Powell Case:

John W. Powell, in his former publication, "China Monthly Review", wrote of Chinese camps where war prisoners were treated with leniency. Photographs were printed of these prisoners and sent to their relatives at home. Powell wrote to a Mrs. Gill in the USA seeking to reassure her about her husband. Gill, however, died of dysentery; his food was improper, it is now said. The uncle of your reporter died, during the Civil War, in a Southern prisoners' camp at Andersonville, where dysentery was rife. Does that prove that all prisoners of the South were treated with barbarity?

Jenner, according to the press, says he "told" the Justice Department to charge Powell with treason --for nothing else, so far as we are informed, than for telling what he learned in China and for urging the resumption of trade --a most useful measure, which might help to drag us back from the verge of a war almost unthinkable hideous. We note that Jenner tells Brownell what to do. But we were assured that these committees were merely investigative, so that safeguards to protect persons dragged before them were really not necessary! No wonder people have had to be careful what they said.

It was always a mistake for attorneys to plead that clients stood on the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution so that they should not "incriminate themselves." That is not what the Amendment says, and it is not what it was intended for. Following the old Common Law of England, it simply protected all citizens, innocent and guilty alike, when confronted by the great power of the state, from testifying against themselves. When US fascism seeks to compel any person to testify --regardless of what slight guarantees may be given him -- the Constitutional provision is abrogated illegally.

Ex-editor Powell put out a powerful press statement. It explains why he is persecuted. An editorial friend (non-Communist) of your reporter writes in to say that "Bill" Powell has many friends among newspapermen, and that they are not going to like how he is treated.

Maybe not, but where is the outcry that should arise about this case? Editors inclined to fascism hold their tongues quite naturally. As for the rest, one of these days, very likely in the not distant future, the American counterpart to Herr Doktor Goebbels will be handing them items for the press, same to be printed on a certain prominent spot...or else! If then, some editors don't like that, the time for remonstrance will have gone with the wind.

I Never Did Like Ike:

Simple Simon went a-fishing
For to catch a whale (of a lot of votes),
But all the voters that that got
Wouldn't fill his mother's pail.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It is often easier to give the right answers than to ask the right questions. In fact the right questions these days are usually too dangerous to ask. If not too dangerous, then too embarrassing.

Questions as the the whence, the why and the wherefore of life are not very interesting to a victim of the fascist Smith Act, whose family is starving while he lies in a prison cell because he sought a chance for them to live.

For men suffering from injustice one question is appropriate: How shall they get justice?

Those who fatten on injustice are always very glad and very grateful when someone helps their victims to ask the wrong questions. That's why they pay a monstrous army of entertainers, pulpiteers, sensation-mongers, to keep the industrially exploited and spiritually starved masses continuously excited over anything and everything in heaven and on earth except the question of injustice, the concrete question of their own exploitation.

Think this over and see if it will not explain why we are snowed in and ploughed under with baseball, football, issue-dodging Town Meetings and Citizens' Forums, prize fights, sockeminthejaw movies, crime and sex comics, evangelistic avatars of Wall Street, fear-mongering. It may explain, for instance, why the Canadian broadcasting authorities are in terror lest ole Rawhide might cast the shadow of a doubt on the news distortion which is the order of the day on CBC.

If decent people don't care about these things enough to ask questions about them, they will be heaped up and multiplied until our national vision is completely destroyed and our national suicide is an accomplished fact.

The crucial question, the question that practically writes itself on the sky of a sane man's imagination is: How can the atomic build-up leading to war be stopped?

Science tells us without equivocation that atomic explosions wherever they occur endanger the life of this planet. Yet this question, honestly asked, which should be asked day and night on our networks and in our newspapers, is taboo.

The difficulty is not to get the question answered, but to get it asked. For, once forthrightly presented, it will answer itself. Since both "we" and "they" have the weapon the only alternative to mutual suicide is the firm determination to abandon the weapon and to live peacefully together.

The honest asking of this question would at once give birth to a thousand derivative questions. Out of thousands that occur in the daily reading of the newspaper, take one small instance: There was a world chess tournament held recently in Western Europe which Russians attended but Americans were conspicuous by their absence. It was suggested by someone that money for the trip was not forthcoming in the USA. Obviously a stalling answer to a question that was not even asked in the USA. It would have been asked sharply and loudly if the first big crucial question had become large and agitating in the public mind. Those who refuse to ask this question betray their own children.

CORRECTION:

In the October issue, at the end of James Brewer's article, "The Frustration of Waldo Frank", there was an error in the quotation from Dr. E. Stanley Jones. The word "flourishing" should have been "floundering", so that his statement should read:

"It seems as if, with the western world floundering with an unjust and competitive order, God had reached out and put his hand on Russia to produce a juster order to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel."

ANTI-COMMUNISM AND CLERO-FASCISM

There is literally a hell of a difference between non-Communism and the anti-Communism which has been sold to the American people: the hell is the hell of fascism.

It must be with some misgiving that liberals find themselves being driven over from the non-Communist position of faith in the democratic process to the hate-Communism position of wishing to exterminate Communism from the entire world.

The consequences which follow this herding of liberals into illiberal pastures are ugly and sinister, as was shown so clearly in James Brewer's article last month about Waldo Frank, a really great liberal writer. Another example recently noted: In the Reporter recently there appeared a lengthy white-wash of Franco-Spain written in a tongue-in-cheek "liberal" manner by an obvious clero-fascist follower of the Vatican line. Yet the Reporter considers itself a liberal organ and is edited by a man who once was a liberal. He has been infected by the Anti-Communist hysteria rampant on this continent north of the Rio Grande and has been driven into a position he could never have anticipated.

On the other hand there are non-Communist liberals who cannot be so illiberalized because they realize quite well the source of the infection. A fine example is Guy Shipler of the Churchman, who has kept himself free from the hysteria, and who published recently the truth about Spain, as he publishes the truth about everything else. He is sufficiently grounded in and nourished by his faith to speak independent and wise words to his generation. His country will long be grateful for this exemplar of true Americanism in a time when the republic is sadly in need of such editorial leading.

This climate of hysteria has not come by chance. It has been artificially induced by experts who, it must be admitted, have done a devilishly clever job. We observed that job closely and over a decade documented it in the pages of The Protestant. Time after time, from 1938 on the half-century mark we called attention specifically and in detail to the events plotting the developing line of clerofascism in the American hemisphere.

For, insofar as there is any coherent fascist planning beyond the stage of taking power, that planning is clerical. This was largely true even in Europe where only in Germany did racial theories cut across the clerical pattern. And in Germany itself racial fascism or nazism could never have come to power without clerical aid. Let us also remind ourselves that clero-fascism remains in power in Spain, and that clero-fascism has been in power in Portugal throughout this whole historic period. Only for the dynamism (so much admired by Dulles) of Germany it is quite within the realm of possibility that Austria and Italy would today be viable fascist states.

It may be disquieting to realize it, but had Hitler been a bit more sympathetic with the clerics or, like Mussolini, a bit more cynical in his use of them, we might today be staring at a solid fascist Europe. The clerics couldn't quite handle Hitler and so, after his defeat in World War II, they had to start all over again. Of course this time the only place to start was America. And up to date they haven't done badly. Already the USA, the most powerful democracy in the world is harmonizing its relations with Spain (they were never out of harmony with Portugal) and building a clero-fascism with a plain cross instead of a swastika as emblem in that part of Germany where fascism arose.

The thought is to consolidate a band of "Christian" states from Gibraltar to the North Sea, with Italy included. This of course is where we came in. There is nothing novel about it except that no "personality" has yet emerged to play the role of Charlemagne.

It is further fondly hoped that this new Holy Roman Empire will thicken into central Europe through the subversion of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The power of this bloc, the dreamers dream on, will, supported and led by the USA, be sufficient to roll back Communist power, destroy or isolate its source in Russia, and with bribes and shows of force pull all Asia into its orbit.

South America is believed to be already in the bag. Witness how simple a job it was to put the calendar back ten years in Guatemala. Does anyone think this could have been done against the will of the bishops? Actually it was done with their aid and blessing.

This is not said to arouse antipathy for religion or for the Church as such. The Church is not fascist. Prophetic religion has been one long cry against fascism in all its forms. Even the Vatican had to speak a word on the Guatemalan crisis which cautioned against over-reaching imperialism. It had an anti-fascist sound, showing that the Church must try to appear to be on the peoples' side.

That statement was hypocritical, but this very hypocrisy was a tribute to the true religion which those who rule the Church have betrayed since it threw in with Mussolini and Hitler.

It isn't the Church itself. It is a group who have seized power within the Church and who guide it backward in the stream of history. There are thousands of priests at the peoples' level in both Communist and non-Communist countries who oppose the Vatican's alliance with fascism. And, contrary to some Protestant opinion, they are perfectly within their rights as Churchmen to do so.

What we are talking about is clero-fascism, not the Church as such. Sometimes in practice it would seem there is little or no difference. But there is, and the difference is vital. For if we are to identify clero-fascism with the Church itself then we must declare war on the Church everywhere. And that is just what the clero-fascists in the Church would most dearly love us to do. That would give full sanction to their Holy War. Therefore such an identification, besides being wrong ethically, would be catastrophic politically. For war is just the thing above all things we must avoid.

We must keep this distinction in mind firmly at all times. We cannot repeat it too often. When our name was The Protestant we worked closely with a priest in good standing in the Roman Catholic Church. One of our staunch Protestant ministers who could not forget the Massacre of St. Bartholemew objected strenuously and said we must choose between him and the "Romish" priest. We chose to maintain the relationship with the priest because it exemplified the point we had always pressed. The point was that, however worldly the churches (including all churches now) might become, so long as they kept the Bible as their central piece of literature they could never stray completely outside the orbit of the prophets and of Jesus, who stood firmly opposed to those powers (ecclesiastical or political) which hurt or destroyed the soul (inner dignity) of people.

We were right in this, but we were mistaken in our choice of Protestant auspices for our struggle with clero-fascism. This became evident when the whole Protestant apparatus (bar the fundamentalist fringe) fell head over heels into the clero-fascist net and became a powerful aid to its job of preparing the USA to take on the role of the Hammer of "God."

It was an easy matter to smear us with the red label for we were a thorn in the flesh of Protestant leaders who had become enmeshed in the net of Vatican intrigue, in many instances rather through stupidity than evil intent. These of course deeply resented our constant little flashlight playing on the road down which they were going. It became convenient to put us out of the way. So don't think for a moment it was the Vatican which silenced The Protestant. It was an embarrassed Protestant leadership which let us down.

Clerico-fascism has a Protestant wing and (tragically) a Jewish wing too. Even at the risk of seeming tiresome, let us repeat: To identify a man as a Roman Catholic does not mean he is a fascist. The late Justice of the Supreme Court Frank Murphy was an extremely devout Roman Catholic and there existed in the USA not one man less fascist-minded. He was an embarrassment to the clero-fascists in his church when, for instance, at an ACTU meeting, where he was expected to rail against Communism, he did no such thing. Instead, he made a great speech in an entirely constructive vein and pointed to Scandinavia as a model for the USA to follow. Here indeed was innocence reproving guile all unconsciously. It was as if he were calling attention to the fact that in Scandinavia there was no need to get excited over Communism. Communism was irrelevant to their situation. They were simply using their democratic powers to control their economic life. Justice Murphy praised this achievement without reference to the fact that Scandinavian countries are Protestant, but just because it was a sensible humane achievement.

It is our Protestant allies of clero-fascism who misuse this achievement and praise it for a negative and false reason as an anti-Communist movement which it is not.

Thus they heap up the fagots for the New Inquisition in the USA which they pretend to deplore.

The relation between anti-Communism and clero-fascism is the relation of means to end. The end is clero-fascism. The means is anti-Communism.

A rational non-Communist would see the propriety, even the inevitability, of the Communist procedure in countries already committed to fascism or having no democratic tradition. By the same token they would maintain that the Communist procedure is inappropriate and irrelevant to countries with a solid democratic tradition and practice.

By and large those countries with a strong democratic tradition are also non-authoritarian in their religious tradition. But let us not by this fact allow ourselves to fall into the false boasting described above. For such boasting is all too apt to turn into an excuse for attacking Communism in those countries which never had the schooling or disciplines of Protestantism or democracy. Those countries constitute the majority in the world today.

If the USA goes clero-fascist, dragging along the Western Hemisphere with them, and if this octopus is permitted to establish its tentacles on Western Europe, then there is no hope for mankind. War is the only consequence of such a development. What is the outlook?

There are many many difficulties in the way of clero-fascist dreams ever coming to reality. The British, for instance, do not properly belong with this new Holy Roman Empire. As the picture gets clearer it is going to be impossible to hold the British people in line on such a proposition. The Germans may be depended upon to take the bit in their teeth and move straight to fascism. It is the only way they will be able to hold down their own working people

who have already shown their antipathy for this scheme. But this time it will be a non-racial fascism, completely clerical. "Christ" — God save the word — will be the watchword and the war-cry. So, right here let us interfect our old warning to the Left: Do not abandon Christ, the greatest leader of anti-fascism! Do not abandon the name of Christ to the fascists, his enemies! For by doing so you will betray the millions of honest souls who, having been conditioned to obey the namers of Christ and to hate the defamers of the name, will be confused by political clerics. There is no better rallying-point today for those who would build a world community than the name of the man of peace and good will.

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BILLY GRAHAM IN GLASGOW

A Letter

Sir,- The article about Billy Graham reminded me of what happened when he paid a visit to Glasgow. At his meetings in London there was the "mumbo-jumbo" and the music and the lights and the crowds and "hundreds made the decision."

But in Glasgow it was an entirely different kind of show. Before it started the Scottish correspondent of the Daily Worker had a word or two with him in the course of which he asked Billy for his opinion of McCarthy and the fascist trend he represented in the USA. "That's red hot politics," was the reply, "and I'm not saying anything on that."

He was then asked "what about the anti-segregation ruling of the Supreme Court, you'll be all for that?" "That's also red-hot," he declared, "and while I have my own opinion I'd rather not say anything about it."

I don't know how he will fare in the next world but he's certainly playing safe in this one.

The foregoing occurred as he was going into a Luncheon in his honour in one of the poshest restaurants in Glasgow. The chairman of the function was a Tory member of parliament. He informed the gathering of 'hard-faced' business men that the millionaire draper, Mr. Fraser, was paying for the grub (Great Applause).

After wining and dining they got according to press reports a very pleasant talk from Billy on the value of his kind of Christianity for their profit-making business. It was for all of them a very pleasing and satisfying occasion. Nobody was asked to make the "decision." That sort of thing is all right for the "mob", but it simply isn't done among gentlemen and — Billy was a gentleman and carefully refrained from any mention of "sin" in such a sinless company.

I have a sort of an idea that Billy could take his place among the Pharisees.

Sincerely, Wm. Gallacher.

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HYMN

By Frederick L. Hosmer
1899

From age to age how grandly rise the prophet souls in line!
Above the passing centuries like beacon lights they shine.
Through differing accents of the lip One message they proclaim,
One growing bond of fellowship, above all names One Name.
They witness to One heritage, One Spirit's quickening breath,
One widening reign, from age to age, of freedom and of faith.
Through every race, in every clime One song shall yet be heard:
Move onward in thy course sublime, oh everlasting Word!

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